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TAGS:PDIP, US, LA

SUBJECT:RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE PRESI-  
DENT FROM LAO

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF MESSAGE IN FRENCH  
RECEIVED JULY 4 BY COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM LAO PRESIDENT  
SOUPHANOUVONG ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER:

ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA, I HAVE THE HONOR TO ADDRESS MY WISHES FOR HAPPINESS  
AND PROSPERITY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.  
MAY THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IMPROVE IN THE  
INTEREST OF OUR TWO PEOPLES. HIGH CONSIDERATION.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER SHOULD BE DE-  
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LIVERED TO PRESIDENT SOUPHANOUVONG:

BEGIN TEXT: HIS EXCELLENCY SOUPHANOUVONG, PRESIDENT OF  
THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, VIENTIANE, LAOS.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE  
OF GOOD WISHES ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPEND-

ENCE. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND I WELCOME YOUR EXPRESSION

OF GOOD WISHES AND EXTEND TO YOU AND TO THE LAO PEOPLE OUR  
APPRECIATION. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT  
WISHES TO DO SO.  
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